

REMARKS

In the Office Action,¹ the Examiner rejected claims 27-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,136,374 to Kompella ("Kompella") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,818,845 to Moura ("Moura").

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-26 and 37 are allowed.² Applicant proposes to cancel claims 27-36, rendering the rejection of claims 27-36 under § 103(a) moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-26 and 37 in condition for allowance. Applicant submits that the proposed cancelling of claims 27-36 does not raise new issues or necessitate the undertaking of any additional search of the art by the Examiner. Therefore, this Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

² The Examiner indicates that claims 1-16 and 37 are allowed (Office Action at 6). However, because the Examiner has not rejected claims 17-26, Applicant assumes that the Office Action contains a typographical error and claims 1-26 and 37 are allowed.

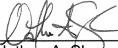
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